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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND
ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT**

Mail Stop AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action dated November 21, 2008, in connection with the above-identified patent application. The period of response is extended by the payment of the appropriate fees. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the Restriction and Election of Species Requirement in view of the following amendments and remarks.

- I. Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this response;
- II. Remarks begin on page 18 of this response; and
- III. Conclusion begins on page 20 of this response.